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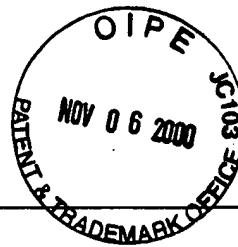
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 Serial No.: 09/523,332  
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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER - FEE COMPUTATION

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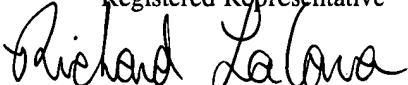
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A1 Page 1, line 17, delete "difference in";

A1 line 18, change "the length of the cable is corrected" to -correction needs to be made for cables having different lengths--.

A2 Page 2, line 3, change "efforts to correct a difference in the length of a" to -an effort to make corrections for cables of different lengths--;

A2 line 4, delete "cable.";

A2 line 6, after "having" insert --cables of--;

A2 line 7, delete "the electronic endoscopes must incur a burden";

A2 line 8, delete entirely and substitute therefor -it is difficult to operate the

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PLL precisely--.

A3 Page 3, line 13, change "of which" to --whose--; and change "that of any other" to --other cables--.

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